

LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS

Claims 1-37 (Canceled)

Claim 38 (Currently amended): A padlock comprising:

a housing having a notch in a corner thereof, a wall facing said notch, a first hole and a second hole; said first and second holes both being in communication with an inside of the housing; ~~the first and second holes both~~ and facing in a same direction;

a shackle having a root section partly received in said housing via said first hole of said housing, and a free section extending from said root section and being disposed outside said housing; said free section being rotatable about said root section to a locked position and an unlocked position; and

a confining block including a block portion ~~located outside~~ received in said notch of said housing and a stem portion received inside said housing via said second hole and extending from a bottom of said block portion; said block portion having a receptacle which is outside said housing with a first opening defined in top of said block portion and a second opening defined in a side of said block portion and in communication with said first opening; said first opening being presented for receiving said free section of said shackle when said free section is placed in said locked position; and said block portion together with said stem portion being rotatable with respect to said housing between a first position where said second opening faces said wall of said housing, and a second position where said second opening is turned away from said wall of said housing.

Claim 39 (Previously presented): The padlock of claim 38 further comprising a numeral wheel set disposed in said housing, wherein said numeral wheel set includes:

a shaft being parallel with said stem portion of said confining block and lying diagonally opposite to said block portion of said confining block;

a plurality of inner sleeves in parallel with one another and placed around said shaft; and

a plurality of digit-wheels each mounted around a respective one of said inner sleeves.

Claims 40-41 (Canceled)